Quality of Meals Supplied in Express Trains

7841. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

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(a) What is the amount charged for a Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian meal in Express Trains of the Indian Railways;

(b) whehter the quality of the food supplied has been checked by the concerned officials during the last two years;

(c) if so, what are their findings; and

(d) if not, what arc the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Current Tariff for Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian meals is as under:

Casserole Meals	Standard Meals
Vegetarian—Rs. 167- 18/	Rs. 13/-
Non-Vegetarian Rs.	Rs. 18/-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Surprise and regular inspections arc being frequently conducted by the Commercial, Medical and other Railway Officers to check quality of food and standard of service provided on Railways. In case of any irregularities immediate remedial action is taken. Besides, samples of food items arc also collected by the Health Department for laboratory tests and the Staff/contractor concerned are also suitably taken up if the same arc found sub-standard/adultciated etc.

(d) Does not arise.

Curtailment in Wagon Procurement

7842. SHRI JALALULIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has decided to cut down wagon procurement this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the wagons procured from Braithwaite & Company Limited, during the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and proposed for 1994-95 and the reasons for cutting down the procurement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of wagons procured from Braithwaite from 1992-93 onwards are as follows:

Year		No. (four wheelers)
1992-93	—	3707.5
1993-94	—	2120
1994-95 (Target)	—	1220

Traffic offerings to Railways not picked up as per projections. In addition, Railways have also initiated steps to improve the asset utilisation especially in the face of the resource crunch. The net result of all these measures is reduction in wagon requirement.

Construction of Railway Projects/Railway Lines in Haryana

7843. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Haryana continues to be neglected by the Railways for years as no new Railway project/Railway line has been contructed/being constructed in the